

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 86-88

AN ORDER REQUIRING

SONOMA VALLEY COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, SONOMA COUNTY IS PROHIBITED FROM DISCHARGING WASTES CONTRARY TO REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, hereinafter called the Board, finds that:

1. Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District, hereinafter called the discharger, discharges an average dry weather flow of 2.7 million gallons per day (MGD) from its secondary treatment plant. Plant effluent is currently being discharged year round into Schell Slough (Latitude 38 Deg, 14 Min, 14 Sec; Longitude 122 Deg, 25 Min, 51 Sec.), a water of the State and United States.
2. On November 19, 1986, the Board reissued NPDES Permit No. CA0037800 as Order No. 86-89 which prescribed waste discharge requirements for the discharge. The requirements of Order 86-89 provide in part as follows:

"A. Prohibitions

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3. The discharge of wastewater to Schell Slough and Hudeman Slough is prohibited from May 1 through October 31 of each year. The Executive Officer may authorize discharge prior to October 31 on a demonstration that early rainfall has produced adequate flushing flow."
3. The Sonoma County Board of Directors, on July 28, 1986, approved a project to construct wastewater reclamation and disposal facilities (Resolution 86-1537). The facilities will permit dry season (May 1 through October 31) land containment of treated wastewater effluent in storage reservoirs with wet weather discharge to Schell Slough and Hudeman Slough. Wastewater will be reclaimed during the dry season by irrigating vineyards, pastures, and fodder crops. The reclamation project will be regulated by the Board under separate waste discharge requirements.
4. The Board on November 19, 1986, after due notice to the discharger and other affected persons, conducted a public hearing at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.

5. This action is an order to enforce waste discharge requirements and is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15121 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- A. The discharger is prohibited pursuant to Water Code Section 13301 from discharging wastes contrary to the requirements contained in Order No. 86-88 as listed in Finding 2 of this Order.
- B. Compliance with Prohibition A.3 shall be achieved according to the following time schedule:

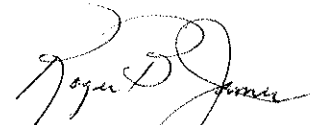
<u>TASK</u>	<u>COMPLIANCE DATE</u>
Begin Construction	1 April 1987
Submit Progress Report	1 October 1987
Complete Construction	30 March 1988
Full Compliance	1 May 1988

- C. The discharger shall submit to the Board on or before each compliance date, a report detailing his compliance or noncompliance with the specific schedule date and task.

If noncompliance is being reported, the reasons for such noncompliance shall be stated, plus an estimate of the date when the discharger shall be in compliance. The discharger shall notify the Board by letter when he has returned to compliance with the time schedule.

- D. If the Executive Officer finds that the discharger has failed to comply with the provisions of this Order, he is authorized, after approval of the Board Chairman, to request the Attorney General to take appropriate action against the discharger, including injunction and civil remedies, if appropriate or to issue a Complaint for Board consideration of administrative civil liability.
- E. If the Executive Officer determines that the provisions of this Order are violated and does not refer the matter to the Attorney General, he is instructed to report to the Board the reason that the discharger has been unable to comply with the provisions of this Order.

I, Roger B. James, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on November 19, 1986.



ROGER B. JAMES
Executive Officer